Commander's Comments Overview

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Commander’s General Comments

- May be entered at Facility Class and Category level
- May address ANY point of interest to the Commander, from individual facility to Facility Class/Category
- Narrative explanation MUST be provided for any Category rated C-3 or C-4 – software-enforced. Address what caused the problem, what is the impact, what is being done to remedy the situation.

Commander's Overwrites

- Used when the Commander feels that the calculated ISR C-ratings for a Facility Class or Category do not accurately portray the 'real world' situation at the installation
- Allows Commander to consider other factors that influence the adequacy of facilities to accomplish assigned missions
- Narrative explanation required for any overwrite
- Overwrites, with supporting comments, may be made for Facility Class or Category level
- Comment must clearly explain the rationale for the overwrite, to clarify the situation being addressed
- Overwrites do not change cost calculations

General & Overwrite Comments

- What information they should convey:
  - Clarification of the situation being addressed
  - What is the impact?
  - What is it that the reader needs to understand . . why should someone read the comment?
  - What is being done to remedy a shortcoming? (e.g., MCA/OMA projects programmed?)
  - Provide sufficient information to assist OACSIM/IMA in preparing trip books, information papers, and responding to Congressional inquiries on specific installation issues

General/Overwrite Comments

- Why Important:
  - Gives local commanders an opportunity to highlight areas of concern to the chain of command, in particular things that affect mission performance
  - Used by HQDA in evaluating and understanding rating trends
  - Used by HQDA in preparing data for information papers and trip books for senior leadership. This is a frequent requirement
  - Comments highlight areas of significant concern that merit Region/OACSIM/IMA attention
- HQDA does read and use the comments.

A Good Commander's Comment

Commander's Comment for Mission:
Non Live-Fire Tng Facilities: Quality C-3, all 5 facilities of this sub-category have been rated Amber. Range layout is not IAW TC 25-8, and facilities lack capability to capture range data…. CMTC program includes various projects to expand and instrument MOUT sites. Current facilities support the mission.

Why:
Comment addresses significant mission issues. Explanation is concise, clearly focused and identifies the fact that current facilities do support the mission requirement.

A Good Commander's Comment

Commander's Comment for Housing:
All Single Family Historic homes are programmed for funding for major utility, kitchen, and bathroom upgrades. Barracks upgrades continue to be planned and programmed by FY. Age and historic value of facilities results in high M&R costs. Recent renovation of Mess Hall did not address kitchen renovation or replacement of old kitchen equipment.

Why:
Comment addresses significant housing issues. Explanation is concise, clearly focused, and identifies that upgrades are planned and programmed by FY. This tells the reader that the installation is aware of the issues and is taking action to correct them.

A Not-So-Good Commander's Comment

Commander's Comment for Installation Support:

Supply & Storage - C3 Quantity and Overall rating reflects a 30,280 square foot shortage in a Land Vehicle Storage Facility and a 37,914 square foot shortage in Installation Cold Storage.

Why:

Comment does not state what the operational impacts are of the shortage and what, if anything, is being done to remedy the shortfall.

A Not-So-Good Commander's Comment

Commander's Comment for Mobility:
Facility Number 00350; Facility Category Group F85120: This wooden bridge has major structural problems.

Why:
Comment does not articulate the impact of the bridge's condition and what is being done to remedy the situation. For example, is there a repair project planned and programmed? If not, why?

A Good Overwrite Comment

Commander's Overwrite for Mission:
Overwrite from C3 to C4. The overwrite is based on four factors. First, many maintenance facilities were built for wheeled vehicles in the 1970's and are inadequate to maintain M1 tanks, M2/3 Bradleys, M109A6 howitzers, and MLRS. They lack adequate overhead lift, heating, lighting and electrical capacity, and some motor parks remain unpaved. Second, there is a lack of sufficient training areas and ranges. Third, a large number of supply and administrative facilities (brigade and battalion headquarters in particular) are located in Quonset huts. Without new facilities, these substandard, inefficient and deteriorated structures will remain in place for a number of years to come.

Why:

A Not-So-Good Overwrite Comment

Commander's Overwrite for Community:
Bldg 3: The gymnasium floor is badly deteriorated and is in need of repair to preclude injury to activity participants.

Why:
Overwrite is for the entire Community Area. However, it is focused on a single facility that is not mission-critical and should not drive the rating for the entire Area.